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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/10/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/03/05
Broiler/fryer	167,977	162,767
Light hens	1,392	1,305
Heavy hens	1,499	1,433

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 03-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	248	3	251
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	118	0	118
Same week yr ago	335	0	335
To-date/2005	12,315	66	12,381
To-date/2004	11,840	136	11,976

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,529	1,502	3,031
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	937	940	1,877
Same week yr ago	1,748	1,465	3,213
To-date/2005	80,677	67,941	148,618
To-date/2004	77,218	65,318	142,536

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 03-DECEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780
Avg Wt	5.47	3.25	7.89	5.75
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	126,447	819	940	1,759
Same wk yr ago	162,589	1,413	1,465	2,878
Avg Wt	5.41	3.29	7.91	5.64
To-date/2005	7,723,390	68,362	67,875	136,237
To-date/2004	7,510,737	65,378	65,182	130,560

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 166.5 million head or 9.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-Nov-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	19,487	11,037	41,711
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.44
% of total /1	27%	15%	58%
Last week	28,953	20,506	57,211
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	6.56
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,985	14,631	32,197
Avg Weight	3.74	4.79	6.38
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%
To date/2005	1,264,337	1,005,984	2,372,179
To date/2004	1,220,128	991,778	2,157,082

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 03-Dec-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Avg Wt	16.15	38.43	26.37	39.52	28.73
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	942	1,449	16	6	2,413
Same wk yr ago	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Avg Wt	15.61	37.47	25.14	31.66	28.90
To-date/2005	87,951	123,833	1,195	209	213,188
To-date/2004	83,660	123,050	2,465	352	209,527

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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